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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS,
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1975

FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON.

I ATTENDED THE EPB FOR PRINCIPALS ONLY WHERE WE
DISCUSSED THE GENERAL GRAIN SITUATION.

AT THE SMALL GROUP MEETING WE DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS
IN PORTUGAL, THE POSSIBILITY OF ACTIVATING THE UNDER
SECRETARIES COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF
THE LAWS OF THE SEAS, AND THE NEED TO HAVE A GENERAL
POSITION ON GRAIN SALES BY THE TIME THE SEPTEMBER 11 CROP
REPORT COMES OUT.

JAPANESE VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE YOSHIDA CALLED
ON ME. WE REVIEWED THE STATE OF THE ECONOMIES OF OUR
RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO
JAPANESE GROWTH PROSPECTS OVER THE LONG PULL. I RAISED
WITH YOSHIDA THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE WE ATTACH TO JAPAN'S
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AID TO EGYPT. YOSHIDA EXPLAINED THE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS

WHICH THIS CREATED FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, AND I PRESSED THE POINT THAT THIS QUESTION COULD WELL AFFECT PROSPECTS FOR STABILITY IN AN AREA THAT WAS VERY CRITICAL TO JAPAN. HE SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS ALREADY WELL AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS, BUT HE WOULD NEVERTHELESS RELAY TO HIS GOVERNMENT THE SENSE OF URGENCY WE FELT.

I MET WITH EMILIO COLOMBO, ITALIAN MINISTER OF FRANCE, WHO EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN WORKING FOR THE US ON ENERGY MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE FORTHCOMING PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. HE ASSURED ME THAT THEY WOULD TAKE THE LEAD WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO ASSURE SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC PLAN FOR RESUMPTION OF THE PREPCON IN OCTOBER. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING THE PROSPECTS OF A FIVE-NATION SUMMIT MEETING, INDICATING THAT THEY WERE GENERALLY OPPOSED TO A RESTRICTED GROUP OF THIS SORT, BUT IF THERE WAS TO BE A SUMMIT MEETING, HE FELT THAT IT SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO SIX, INCLUDING ITALY, EXPLAINING HOW IMPORTANT THIS WAS IN CONNECTION WITH DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUES. I, OF COURSE, WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON THIS.

ROBERT ROOSA, PARTNER OF BROWN BROS. HARRIMAN, GAVE ME A PROGRESS REPORT ON HIS INVESTMENT TRUST PLAN, WHICH HAD APPEARED TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SAUDIS, BUT FOR REASONS THAT ROOSA DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND IS NOT PROGRESSING AS HE HAD ANTICIPATED.

I ATTENDED A SHORT MEETING OF THE IMF/IBRD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, DEALING PRIMARILY WITH PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS, BUT INCLUDING A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE IMF TRUST FUND, WHICH WAS GIVEN GENERAL SUPPORT.

M. FROMENT-MEURICE CALLED TO DISCUSS THE FRENCH
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CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. ALL COUNTRIES HAVE RESPONDED TO THE FRENCH EXCEPT SAUDI ARABIA, AND THEY HAVE PROMISED A FORMAL RESPONSE TODAY. THERE ARE TWO OR THREE SMALL AND UNIMPORTANT DRAFTING CHANGES THAT FROMENT-MEURICE HAS SUGGESTED AND WHICH CAUSE NO PROBLEM. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, TWO OTHER ISSUES YET TO BE RESOLVED: (1) FOURTH COMMISSION: THE SEVEN INSIST THAT THERE BE SOME REFERENCE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE FOURTH COMMISSION TO

MONETARY AS WELL AS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS BUT LIMITED TO THE WORK OF THE THREE MAJOR COMMISSIONS, AND STILL EXCLUDING MONETARY QUESTIONS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE IMF AND WORLD BANK; (2) STATUS OF IEA IN THIS ENERGY COMMISSION. THERE APPEARS TO BE AGREEMENT ON OUR FORMULA FOR ALL OBSERVERS TO SIT BEHIND A SINGLE PLATE MARKED 'OBSERVERS' BUT WE STILL HAVE THE QUESTION OF HOW IEA IS TO BE DESIGNATED ON THE PUBLISHED LIST OF OBSERVERS. FROMENT-MEURICE BELIEVES THE FORMULA THAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES WOULD BE ONE IN WHICH WE AGREED TO HAVE THE IEA LISTED SEPARATELY BUT

UNDER A GENERAL OECD HEADING. I ADVISED FROMENT-MEURICE THAT I WOULD EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE HIM WITH AN ANSWER ON OUR POSITION BUT ONLY AFTER RECEIVING HIS CONFIRMATION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER CHANGES. HE HOPED TO HAVE THESE ISSUES RESOLVED BY THIS WEEKEND TO ALLOW ISSUANCE OF INVITATIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

FROM T - CARL MAW

ATTENDED CHUCK ROBINSON'S SMALL GROUP.

SENT LETTER TO JAMES LYNN (OMB) REQUESTING THE WHITE HOUSE CONSIDER FAVORABLY A PROPOSAL FOR \$213 MILLION IN FY 76 MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AS WAR RESERVE STOCKS FOR ALLIES. THIS REQUEST IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 514 OF THE FOREIGN ASSIST-
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ANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED IN DECEMBER 1974.

TOM CLINGAN AND I CALLED ON CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT TO REVIEW WITH HIM PRESENT STATUS OF LOS MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY OUR PLANS FOR EXPANDED AND ACCELERATED FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. HE WILL NOT HOLD BACK HIS 200-MILE BILL, EXPECTS IT TO COME BEFORE THE HOUSE WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS AND TO PASS "300 ODD TO 30". LEGGETT HOPES TO AVOID A HEAD-ON CONFRONTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE OVER HIS BILL EVEN THOUGH HE UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION AND NECESSITY FOR OPPOSITION. HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK OUT A DEAL WHEREBY HIS BILL WOULD GET PASSED IN THE HOUSE AND THEN SIT IN THE SENATE UNTIL AFTER THE LOS CONFERENCE IN MARCH/APRIL 1976. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE A LITTLE COVERT ASSISTANCE TO ADAPT HIS BILL TO FIT WHAT MIGHT COME OUT OF THE LOS CON-

REFERENCE. WE GAVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON EITHER SCORE.

MET WITH TOM STERN, JIM MICHEL AND BILL LEWIS TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS OF CORPORATE BRIBERY THAT APPARENTLY WILL BE SURFACING WITH RESPECT TO NORTHROP CORP. F-5 SALES ACTIVITIES ABROAD. WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN AN EFFORT TO TIGHTEN UP PROCEDURES AND TO GET A GRIP ON THE QUESTION OF BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

FROM EAGLEBURGER

I ADDRESSED THE OPENING SESSION OF THE 1975 SELECTION BOARDS. I GAVE THEM SOME GOOD ADVICE.

FROM SONNENFELDT

I WORKED WITH HYLAND ON SOME THOUGHTS RELATING TO SOVIET
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REACTIONS TO THE ISRAELI-EGYPT AGREEMENT.

I WORKED ON PAPERS FOR YOUR MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

I MET WITH CHUCK ROBINSON AND OTHERS DURING LUNCH TO DISCUSS SOVIET GRAIN ISSUES.

WITH EAGLEBURGER AND MCCLOSKEY, I WORKED ON PRESS GUIDANCE REGARDING THE EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN ON SALT. ROBINSON

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